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Dear Trichopterologist,

Back home from our Trichoptera Symposium in Japan, I have been busy compiling this number of *Braueria*. I have been abroad this spring and could therefore not do the work earlier. In February and March I joined an expedition to the Bardia National Park in western Nepal which was a new experience for me: working in a large group of over 30 persons, living in tents for several weeks and surrounded by tigers, rhinos and peacocks. It was the dry season, with an astonishing lack of terrestrial insects: almost no butterflies, and three (!) specimens only of Orthoptera in four weeks, but there were plenty of caddis and mayflies. In April and May I was in eastern Java for a study of streams and their caddisflies. Finally, our Trichoptera Symposium was held in June in the city of Sakai near Osaka, with an excursion to Kutsuki, a touristic region near Lake Biwa. Some participants joined a post-symposium excursion to Hokkaido where we collected plenty of specimens along beautiful streams in splendid green woodlands, and another post-symposium excursion went to the mountains of central Honshu. The "caddis family" was together for another occasion, and our Japanese friends did everything to make this meeting a pleasant experience for the foreigners.

For this number of *Braueria* I have enough manuscripts so that you may enjoy a variety of contributions from many countries and on many topics. I am grateful for texts written on diskette so that I can save working time by not typing the texts myself. But please understand that I am not a computer acrobat and cannot work with complicated programmes and unusual extras. Please write your texts in simple and non-formatted Word. The final arrangement, as it appears in *Braueria*, will be made by myself. Figures should be separate from the text. However, I suggest you send me originals (drawings or clean xerocopies or photographic prints) and **not** digitalized copies in which the quality of reproduction may be poor.

Concerning my own work, I have made considerable progress in the study of Asiatic *Oecetis*, *Triaenodes* and other leptocerid genera, and the paper will hopefully be finished next winter.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Malicky

P.S. This number has 56 pages. You may imagine that production and mailing are expensive. Contributions (preferably cash in a registered letter) are welcome.